



## All Saints Church School

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Dear Parents and Carers

It has been lovely to see everyone back in school today. I hope you all had a wonderful holiday and on behalf of the Governors and Staff I welcome you all back to school for the spring term. I would like to thank everyone for their kind wishes and presents before Christmas. All the staff really appreciate your kindness and support.

### **STEAMing ahead**

We are looking forward to starting our STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics) learning experience on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January. 'Wonderstruck' will be visiting our school, providing all children with a spectacular show followed by a variety of workshops. Wonderstruck believe that STEM learning should be practical, creative and collaborative. All the workshops involve *'teams working to build something that does something dramatic – shoot into the sky, hover across the floor or drive at high speed across a playground'*. All workshops are based around simple design and construction problems involving devices that move.

During the spring term Mrs Smith will be leading a STEAM working party in order to ensure we create learning opportunities that allow pupils to immerse themselves in all types of creativity. We believe that introducing a problem solving mentality from a young age will lead to a learning environment where failure is an important part of the learning process. Using the design process, children will analyse and evaluate their work, and using this knowledge they will then be able to make educated recommendations on how to improve their work. Over the next few weeks the STEAM working party will be planning ahead for the Chinese New Year and World Book Day.

To help with the construction of rockets during our Wonderstruck workshops, we are asking for **donations of cereal boxes**. We need about 70 in order for all teams to create their designs. If you have any cereal boxes that you no longer require, could you please send them into school either with your child or take to our school office. Thank you.

We are asking for a donation of £1.00 per child to support the financing of Wonderstruck.

### **Revised Rising Star system**

As mentioned at the beginning of the Autumn Term, SLT have been continually reviewing the Rising Star System and as a result minor changes have been made ready for January to ensure the system runs smoothly.

- All house points recorded in individual passports will be entered by the class teacher or TA.
- All children will have the opportunity to earn three house points each week for being ready, respectful and safe.
- All other house points received towards individual passports will be earned during class learning time and within class work books.
- Rewards during lunch time and play times will be in the form of stickers.
- **All Key Stage Praise Assemblies** will be on a **Friday afternoon** - please see dates below. We have re-juggled our school timetable organisation in hope that this will help with child collection times.

## **Swimming for Classes 1 and 4**

Swimming will start for Classes 1 and 4 on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January.

There will be 10 swimming sessions for the children held on the following dates: January 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.

## **Spring term Clubs**

After school clubs will begin on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January and finish on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April. There will be **NO CLUBS during week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> March, due to Parents' Consultations.** Letters have been sent home this afternoon.

## **Attendance reminder**

*'For a child to reach their full educational achievement a high level of school attendance is essential. The Bath and Wells Multi Academy Trust (BWMAT) are committed to providing an education of the highest quality for all our pupils and endeavour to provide an environment where all pupils feel valued and welcome. Every child has a right to access the education to which he/she is entitled. Parents and teachers share the responsibility for supporting and promoting excellent school attendance and punctuality for all. It is our duty to consistently strive to achieve a goal of 100% attendance for all children. Every opportunity will be used to convey to pupils and their parents or carers the importance of regular and punctual attendance.'* BWMAT Pupil Attendance Policy

Excellent attendance is vital in order for children to do well at school. This is why at All Saints Church School we have a minimum target of 95%+ attendance.

**Attendance Levels** - Children's attendance will be classified in the following way:

*97% to 100% Excellent attendance*

*96% Expected attendance*

*Below 95% Attendance below this level will trigger action by the school*

The school is required to monitor the attendance of pupils extremely closely, as absences are considered to be a potential safeguarding concern.

Should you need to take your child out of school during term time for whatever reason, you must apply for leave to the school. You will need to explain why it is necessary for your child to miss school and evidence may be requested from you.

If your child is off school due to illness for more than 48 hours please can a letter been sent to the school office with the reason and a note of any medical appointments that they may have attended.

From all the staff at All Saints may we wish you a Happy New Year.

Kind regards

Mrs S Bowditch

Headteacher

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Please find enclosed £1 donation in support of STEAM workshop 'Wonderstruck'

Childs Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

## **Dates for Spring Term 2019 so far...**

- 09.01.19 Friends Meeting at All Saints 7:00pm
- 15.01.19 East Coker v All Saints at East Coker School
- 18.01.19 Swimming starts for Class 1 and 4
- 18.01.19 **Class 5 Praise & Share Key Stage 2** 2:40pm – 3:10pm
- 21.01.19 Wonderstruck STEM assembly and workshops for all children
- 22.01.19 **Year 6** Okehampton information meeting for parents 3:30pm start
- 25.01.19 **Class 1 Praise & Share Key Stage 1** 2:40pm – 3:10pm
- 30.01.19 LGB meeting 5:00pm – 7:00pm
- 01.02.19 **Class 6 Praise & Share Key Stage 2** 2:40pm – 3:10pm
- 05.02.19 Safer Internet Week (Theme: Together for a better internet)
- 08.02.19 **Key Stage 2 Showcase** afternoon 2:40pm – 3:10pm
- 12.02.19 **Year 5 & 6** Grammar information evening 6:00pm start
- 15.02.19 **Acorn Class Praise & Share** 2:40pm – 3:10pm

## **HALF TERM**

- 01.03.19 **Class 3 Praise & Share Key Stage 2** 2:40pm – 3:10pm
- 07.03.19 World Book Day
- 08.03.19 **Class 2 Praise & Share Key Stage 1** 2:40pm – 3:10pm
- 15.03.19 **Class 4 Praise & Share Key Stage 2** 2:40pm – 3:10pm
- 18.03.19 Parent Consultation evening 1
- 21.03.19 Parent Consultation evening 2
- 28.03.19 Instrumental Concert 6:00pm start
- 29.03.19 **Key Stage 2 Showcase** afternoon 2:40pm – 3:10pm
- 02.04.19 Year 6 to Okehampton
- 05.04.19 Year 6 return from Okehampton

## **05.04.19 End of Term**